Welcome! Haere Mai!

St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



Sunday, 15 November 2026

Ordinary Time 33

Processional Hymn:

O worship the King all glorious above;
and gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast like a garment the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above,
your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise.

Welcome and Greeting:

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life

Call to Worship:

E te whānau a te Karaiti, welcome to this holy table; welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world. Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world.

Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity
making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ Who gives us the gospel.
Praise to Christ Who calls us to holiness.

Song of Praise:

Christ is the living water
cleansing, refreshing, making all things new.
Christ is the living bread;
food for the hungry,
strength for the pilgrim and the labourer.

So now we offer our thanks
for the beauty of these islands;
for the wild places and the bush,
for the mountains, the coast and the sea.

We offer thanks and praise to God for this good land;
for its trees and pastures,
for its plentiful crops
and the skills we have learned to grow them.

Our thanks for marae and the cities we have built;
for science and discoveries,
for our life together,
for Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Confession:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be
and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be.

**Forgive us where we have failed to serve You;
and where our thoughts and actions have been
contrary to Yours we ask Your pardon.**

Absolution:

Mā te Atua e muru ō koutou hara; kia mau te rongo.
God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

*Kia koa, kia hari,
ko te Karaiti te aranga, te tāroi o te riri.*

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

**We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together.
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world.**

Sentence:

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other. *1 Thessalonians 5:9–11*

Collect:

**We pray you, Jesus,
take the old water, our busy conscientious lives,
and turn them into gospel wine,
that everyone may see your life and thirst;
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Judges: *Judges 4:1–7*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes:
to you that are enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants are on the hand of their masters:
and the eyes of a maid on the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes are on you O Lord our God:
as we wait till you show us your favour.

Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy:
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

Too long have we suffered the scorn of the wealthy:
and the contempt of the arrogant.

Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Thessalonians 5:1-11

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks, to the Holy One
Give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks, to the Holy One
Give thanks, because he's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong'
Let the poor say 'I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us'.
And now let the weak say 'I am strong'
Let the poor say 'I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us'.

Give thanks, give thanks...

Gospel:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Praise and glory to God.

Matthew 25:14-30

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith:

You, O God are supreme and holy
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to You.
You have revealed and proved Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be Your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; You overcome death.

You are our God.
We worship You.

Prayers of the People:

Let us pray for the Church and the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

Today we pray for the Anglican Financial Care which provides financial services and support for clergy and lay workers across the province, and we pray for the people of Waikohu Co-operating Parish and their clergy.

We pray also for those in need, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Craig, Viv, Lynda, Lawrence, Jon, Reg, Angela R, Robyn and Vaughan.

Praise to You abundant God, for when we ask, You give;
when we seek, You show the way.
When we knock, You answer.
Praise to You for Your unfailing grace.
Make us now Your faithful people. Amen.

The Peace:

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace.
Who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.
Praise to Christ Who unites us in peace.

Offertory Hymn:

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people's cry
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright,
Who will bear my light to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night,
I will go Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

Blessing of the Offertory

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Lift your hearts to heaven.

Where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give You thanks through Jesus Christ.

You said: 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For You the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear Your Word, to do Your will and to be fulfilled in Your love. It is right to thank You. You sent Your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You sent Your Son to give His life to release us from our sin.
His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide,
to warn and to revive Your Church.

Therefore, with all Your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise You for our creation and our calling with loving and with joyful hearts.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and just, glory and goodness come from You. Glory to You, most high and gracious God.

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son,
who washed his disciples' feet.
'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died
he took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup,
and gave you thanks.
He gave it to them and said:
Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you, shed for all,
to forgive sin;
do this to remember me.

Therefore, with this bread and wine we recall Your goodness to us.

God of the past and the present, we Your people remember Your Son. We thank You for His cross and rising again, we take courage from His ascension; we look for His coming again in glory, and in Him we give ourselves to You.

Send Your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body
may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share His cup
draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite.
Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

For You the heavenly One make all things new;
You are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory, and love be Yours, this and every day,
from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

Silence

As our Lord has taught us, let's pray together:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.

<u>The Breaking of Bread</u>:

Te tinana o te Karaiti i whatīa mō tātou.

Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

Christ is the bread of life.

I maringi ōna toto hei murunga hara.

His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

Christ is risen from the dead.

<u>The Invitation:</u>

Haere mai e te kahui a te Atua,
tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti.

Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

<u>Communion</u>

<u>Prayers after Communion:</u>

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore, we offer all that we are
and all that we shall become.

Accept O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all You have done.
Our hands were empty, and You filled them.

Recessional Hymn:

Lift high the cross
the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore
his glorious name!

Come Christian people
sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent
even stones cry out!

Jesus you wept
to see our human strife;
teach us compassion
for each human life.

Peace was your plea,
and peace your loving theme;
let peace be our passport
peace a living dream.

Great is the cost of walking
on this road -
to follow and suffer
with the Son of God.

Worlds to be born and
children yet to be;
Come, take up this song
Into eternity

Dismissal:

Haere i runga i te rangimarie, i runga i te aroha,
me te ngakau hihiko, ki te mahi, ki te Ariki.

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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